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7	IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT	
8	EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA	
9	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	Case No.: 1:20-CR-0241 DAD-BAM
10	Plaintiff,	
11		MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL
12	V.	OF RECORD AND APPOINT CJA COUNSEL
13	ANGEL LOPEZ,	
14	Defendant.	
15	Virna L. Santos, appointed counsel of record in the above-captioned case, hereby moves	
16	for an order allowing her to withdraw as counsel of record and for the appointment of new	
17 18	counsel to represent ANGEL LOPEZ. As grounds she states:	
19	1. Virna L. Santos was appointed to represent defendant on November 23, 2020:	
20	2. At the time of appointment the undersigned was a member of the Criminal Justice	
21	Act Panel for the Eastern District of California.	
22	3. Undersigned counsel has accepted a judicial appointment to the Fresno County	
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24	Superior Court, and consequently, must close her private practice.	
25	4. Defendant ANGEL MONTES is still in need of counsel. The Federal Public	
26	Defender has contacted attorney James R. Homola, who is available to assume	
27	representation.	
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1 5. Accordingly, undersigned counsel requests that she be permitted to withdraw and 2 that new counsel, James R. Homola (jrhomola@yahoo.com), be appointed nunc 3 pro tunc as of April 19, 2022. Undersigned counsel requests that she be removed 4 from the service list. 5 **DATED:** April 20, 2022 /s/ Virna L. Santos 6 VIRNA L. SANTOS 7 Attorney for Defendant ANGEL LOPEZ 8 9 10 **ORDER** 11 Attorney Virna L. Santos' motion to withdraw as counsel is hereby GRANTED 12 and her name should be removed from the service list. Attorney James R. Homola is 13 hereby appointed as counsel *nunc pro tunc* as of April 19, 2022. 14 15 IT IS SO ORDERED. Dale A. Dragd 16 17 **April 20, 2022** Dated: UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE 18 19

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